

MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF YORK

Adjourned Meeting
December 4, 2000

8:00 a.m.

Meeting Convened. An Adjourned Meeting of the York County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:17 a.m., Monday, December 4, 2000, in the restaurant of the Duke of York Motel, Yorktown, by Chairman Walter C. Zaremba.

Attendance. The following members of the Board of Supervisors were present: Walter C. Zaremba, Sheila S. Noll, Donald E. Wiggins, James S. Burgett, and Melanie L. Rapp.

Also in attendance were Daniel M. Stuck, County Administrator; and James E. Barnett, County Attorney.

JOINT MEETING WITH YORK COUNTY LEGISLATORS

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF YORK COUNTY'S 2001 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

York County Legislators present: Senator Thomas K. Norment, Senator Martin E. Williams, and Delegate Harvey Morgan.

Chairman Zaremba made welcoming remarks and indicated Mr. Barnett would review the two parts of the County's 2001 Legislative Program. He asked that the legislators make any comments they had following the summary review of each item.

Mr. Barnett then reviewed the County's 2001 Legislation Program with the legislators present:

PART I

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION
REQUESTED BY THE COUNTY

1. Increase funding for the statewide transportation Revenue Sharing Program
2. Restore the \$13.4 million for route 17 improvements deleted from the current Virginia transportation development plan
3. Amend Virginia code section 59.1-274 to allow the establishment of at least one enterprise zone in every county or city
4. Actively seek state funding to support Yorktown waterfront improvement efforts
5. Oppose amendments to the Statewide Building Code which interfere with local planning

6. Amend the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act to modify the regulatory requirement for septic system pump outs at least every five years
7. Amend Virginia code section 53.1-183 to delete the requirement that members of local governing bodies shall serve on community criminal justice boards
8. Authorize a demonstration traffic signal photo-monitoring system

PART II
SUMMARY OF
LEGISLATIVE POLICIES

1. Increase state funding to localities for new and existing state mandated programs
2. Increase state funding of the true costs of education
3. Overhaul the Commonwealth's tax structure
4. Maximize state funding for priority regional transportation projects in Hampton Roads
5. Make changes to state programs that enhance the effectiveness of public expenditures—don't increase local responsibilities and shift the cost while at the same time reducing state services and funding

Mrs. Noll stated this was the second year of the biennium, and she asked that the General Assembly not start any new initiatives—just fund the ones the State already has on-going. She stated the Comprehensive Services Act needs to be funded.

Mr. Norment stated he felt York County's program was very well structured, but has a number of serious fiscal implications. When multiplied by the number of jurisdictions in Virginia, he stated he would not let his optimism get too high. Funds will be very tight in 2001. There has been a slow-down in revenues with a very serious flaw in the Governor's execution of the Transportation Act of 2000—there is not going to be money to spread around regardless of how worthy the requests are. He stated he expected the Governor on December 20 to move forward to keep the promises he made to the citizens. Mr. Norment stated he had no reason to believe he would not continue to phase out the car tax.

Mr. Wiggins expressed his wish that the General Assembly would do something about Transportation funding.

Mr. Norment stated there was a misconception of how transportation funding takes place. The state is trying to pay off old projects as well as do new initiatives, and there just isn't enough money.

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Discussion followed regarding the State's six-year transportation plan and how it was developed without including any inflation factor.

Mr. Norment stated another issue is that the roads that have come on line include no maintenance factor.

Chairman Zaremba asked how the Board could provide the legislators with information/requests that would ultimately end up with a win/win situation.

Mr. Williams suggested that York put together a draft and send it to him as do the Cities of Hampton and Newport News. He stated he then provides them with an idea of what is realistic in terms of what he can support. The governing bodies then adopt requests that are more likely to receive favorable consideration.

Mr. Morgan spoke of the proposed rules change coming this year which will require the legislators to pre-file their bills. Once the deadline for pre-filing has passed, they will be limited to only six more bills each.

Mr. Williams stated it was his goal not to submit any bills after the deadline.

Mr. Morgan stated the staffs of the jurisdictions were working with the legislators on their requests in advance, and this communication was very good.

Mr. Burgett stated he felt it was good to have a pre-meeting with the legislators, but he would like to see the Board prioritize its requests.

Mr. Norment indicated that legislative request item nos. 3, 5, 6, and 7 might be done during the upcoming session. The big funding items would not be decided by one locality. Mr. Norment explained how funding was distributed by the Senate Finance Committee.

A brief discussion followed concerning possible changes in funding formulas and the reapportionment.

Meeting Adjourned. At 9:13 a.m. Chairman Zaremba declared the meeting adjourned sine die.

Daniel M. Stuck, Clerk
York County Board of Supervisors

Walter C. Zaremba, Chairman
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